

## REMARKS

This is intended as a supplemental response to the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 14, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-19 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-19 are rejected. Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 15 is requested for the reasons presented below.

Applicants propose canceling claims 1-14 and 16-19 and rewriting claim 15 in independent form. Applicants submit that the changes proposed herein reduce the issues for appeal and do not introduce new matter or raise new issues. Applicants note that the Examiner indicated in the Advisory Action mailed September 19, 2006 that the proposed amendments, which were presented in the Response to the Final Office Action that was filed on August 31, 2006, would be entered upon appeal.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Muniz* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0087432) in view of *Tozzoli, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,588). Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-10 is moot as Applicants propose canceling claims 1-10.

Claims 11-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Muniz* and *Tozzoli, et al.*, and further in view of *Hess, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,417). Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 11-14 and 16-19 is moot as Applicants propose canceling claims 11-14 and 16-19. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 15.

The Examiner states in the Advisory Action mailed September 19, 2006 that while *Muniz* does not specifically disclose system decontamination and refurbishment services, it would be obvious that these types of services would be among those disclosed by *Muniz* in which technical services are provided related to used equipment sales. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not provided any evidence to support her finding that system decontamination and refurbishment services related to a specific pre-owned integrated manufacturing system would be among the technical

services provided by *Muniz* in the absence of both a description of such services and a description of a specific pre-owned integrated manufacturing system as an item for sale in *Muniz* alone or in combination with *Tozzoli, et al.* and *Hess, et al.*

Applicants further note that the Examiner has not cited any additional references in support of finding that it is also obvious for a buyer to include a condition of sale relating to system decontamination services or system refurbishment systems in a bid for a pre-owned manufacturing system. The cited references do not identify bids having a condition of sale. Although it is possible that a potential buyer could add such a condition of sale to a bid form, the Examiner provides no evidence that such an even has occurred or is obvious. Applicants respectfully submit that *Muniz* in view of *Tozzoli, et al.* and *Hess, et al.* does not teach or suggest a method that includes a potential buyer including in his bid a condition of sale relating to system decontamination or system refurbishment systems to be conducted on the specific system being purchased. Applicants further submit that *Muniz* in view of *Tozzoli, et al.* and *Hess, et al.* does not teach or suggest that a potential buyer would add a condition of sale clause relating to system decontamination or system refurbishment systems to a standard bid form provided by a seller

Thus, *Muniz* in view of *Tozzoli, et al.* and *Hess, et al.* does not teach, show, or suggest a method for selling used integrated circuit manufacturing equipment through an integrated electronic sales and technical service platform, comprising posting information regarding pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing systems available for purchase on an Internet web site, providing integrated technical services related to the sale of the pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing systems through the Internet web site, wherein providing integrated technical services comprises at least one of providing system decontamination services and system refurbishment services, receiving an electronic purchase bid for a specific pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system posted on the Internet web site, wherein receiving an electronic purchase bid comprises receiving an electronic purchase bid having at least one condition of sale relating to technical services to be conducted on the pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system, transmitting the electronic purchase bid to a seller of the specific pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system, and receiving a purchase bid acceptance from

the seller, as recited in proposed claim 15. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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